

**Missing or Misplaced Commas**

**Directions:** Rewrite the following sentences, adding commas where they are needed and removing them where they are not. **HINT:** There may be more than one comma error in a single sentence.

1. In 1989, an oil tanker the *Exxon Valdez* went aground, off the coast of Alaska.

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2. Eleven million gallons of smelly sticky oil spilled out of the tanker.

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3. The ocean current spread the oil and the resulting oil slick soon covered 1,300 miles of Alaska's shoreline.

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4. The magnificent sparkling beaches of Alaska which were home to many species turned oily, and black.

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5. The spill killed approximately 2,800 otters 300 seals 350 bald eagles and 250,000 shorebirds.

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6. Ten years later there were signs of recovery.

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7. In an effort to help restore wildlife a council was established, after the spill.

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8. Molly McCammon the council's director indicated that things were looking better.

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9. The numbers of bald eagles pink salmon and many species of shorebirds were strong.

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10. She added however that more work needed to be done to improve the numbers of seals herring and ducks.

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